

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is requested. Claims 1, 10, 12, 14, and 15 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Claims 5-9, 11, 13, 17-34, and 37-44 are canceled. Claims 1-4, 10, 12, 14-16, 35, and 36 remain in this application.


In Section 17 of the Office Action, the Examiner objects to claims 5, 11, and 13-16 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The Examiner indicates that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The applicants have amended claims 1, 10, and 12 to include the claim limitations of allowable claims 5, 11, and 13 respectively. There were no intervening claims between claims 1 and 5, claims 10 and 11, and claims 12 and 13 respectively. Consequently the applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 10, and 12 are currently allowable and those claims depending upon claims 1, 10, and 12 are also therefore allowable.

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In view of the foregoing comments and amendments, the Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims (i.e., claims 1-4, 10, 12, 14-16, 35, and 36) are in condition for allowance and that the application should be passed to issue. The Examiner is urged to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if, in the Examiner's opinion, such a phone conference would expedite or aid in the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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